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## PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

According to a policy established in 1915, a survey of the pioneer and historical societies within the State is given each year in the January number of *The Washington Historical Quarterly*. The exact number of such societies is not known, but after a diligent search extending over a period of three years the results compiled below give twenty-nine organizations. Of this number seven can be called state societies, and of these seven, two are national in scope. The remaining twenty-two are local in character: One of these, the Yakima Columbia Association, is distinctly memorial, having for its object the care and preservation of the old St. Joseph's Mission in the Ahtanum Valley. It may be said herewith that no attempt has been made to include such well-known societies as The Mountaineers, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and other organizations whose contributions to historical endeavor need no advertisement.

### *State at Large*

PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. Pioneer Hall, Seattle. Founded October 23, 1883, at Olympia. Membership requirements: A residence on the Pacific Coast forty years prior to date of application. There are 800 members. Annual meeting, first week in June at the headquarters. Officers: Edmond S. Meany, Seattle, president; Henry C. Comegys, Snohomish, vice-president; W. V. Rinehart, Sr., Seattle, secretary; W. M. Calhoun, Seattle, treasurer; F. H. Winslow, M. R. Maddocks, James McCombs, W. H. Pumphrey, Leander Miller, trustees.

WOMEN'S PIONEER AUXILIARY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. An auxiliary society to the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington. Pioneer Hall, Seattle. Founded August, 1911. Membership requirements: Women who have had a residence in the State (Territory) prior to 1889. There are four meetings each year. Officers: Mrs. Gardner Kellogg, Seattle, president.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Tacoma: 401 North Cliff Avenue. Founded October 8, 1891. Membership requirements: Any citizen of the State. Officers: Henry Hewitt, Jr., Tacoma, president; Hazard Stevens, Olympia, vice-president; W. P. Bonney, Tacoma, secretary; William H. Dickson, Tacoma, treasurer. Curators:

Edward Meath, P. G. Hubbell, C. S. Barlow, Walter S. Davis, Thomas Huggins, of Tacoma; John Arthur, Harry M. Painter, of Seattle; J. M. Canse, Bellingham; Walter L. Granger, Zillah; L. F. Jackson, Pullman; W. B. Lyman, Walla Walla; Mrs. Henry W. Patton, Hoquiam; Charles H. Ross, Puyallup; W. D. Vincent, Spokane; J. H. Perkins, Colfax.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. University Station, Seattle. Founded January 1, 1903. Membership requirements: Any person may become a member. Officers: Clarence B. Bagley, Seattle, president; John P. Hoyt, East Seattle, vice-president; Roger S. Greene, Seattle, treasurer; Edmond S. Meany, Seattle, secretary. The above, with Thomas Burke, Cornelius H. Hanford and Samuel Piles, constitute the board of trustees.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON. Seattle. Membership requirements: Any native daughter over sixteen years of age. Officers: Nellie Russell, president; Julia N. Harris, vice-president.

NATIVE SONS OF WASHINGTON. A state organization having at one time considerable activity. Local units called camps are still found in some of the larger cities, though not very active.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON PIONEERS. Seattle. Membership requirements: Daughters of a pioneer resident on the Pacific Coast prior to 1870. Officers: Mrs. Rena Bagley Griffith, president; Miss Hilda Gaches, secretary.

#### *Local Societies*

ADAMS COUNTY. See Lincoln and Adams Counties.

BENTON COUNTY. Old Settlers' Union. Prosser. Membership requirements: Twenty years' residence in the County. There is an annual meeting. Officers: G. W. Wilgus, president; A. G. McNeill, vice-president; M. Henry, secretary.

GARFIELD COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION. Postoffice address: G. B. Kuykendall, secretary. Founded July 19, 1909. Membership requirements: A residence of twenty-five years in Garfield or an adjoining county. Officers: W. L. Howell, president; G. B. Kuykendall, secretary and financial secretary; L. F. Koenig, treasurer.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY. Pioneer Association of Grays Harbor County. Montesano. Membership requirements: A residence in the County prior to January 1, 1885. Officers: O. H. Fry, Oakville, president; Mrs. E. P. French, Elma, 1st vice-president; J. J. Carney,

Aberdeen, 2d vice-president; Mrs. J. S. McKee, Hoquiam, 3d vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Calder, Montesano, secretary; Mrs. H. B. Marcy, Montesano, treasurer; J. A. Hood, Aberdeen, trustee; Rev. A. Wilson, Oakville, chaplain; A. C. Girard, Hoquiam, historian; M. J. Luark, delegate.

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**ABERDEEN PIONEER ASSOCIATION.** Aberdeen. There are four meetings each year, the annual meeting occurring in January and the memorial meeting in memory of those who have died occurring on the first Sunday in March. Officers: James B. Haynes, president; Mrs. James A. Hood, vice-president; Mrs. William Irvine, secretary; Mrs. Julia Pinckney, treasurer; Rev. Charles McDermott, chaplain; Mrs. A. D. Wood, historian.

**KING COUNTY.** Seattle Historical Society. Seattle. Officers: Mrs. Morgan J. Carkeek, president; Mrs. William P. Trimble, vice-president; Mrs. Redick H. McKee, secretary; Mrs. William F. Prosser, treasurer; Mrs. Frederick E. Swanstrom, historian.

**KITSAP COUNTY PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION.** Charleston. Founded October 10, 1914. Membership requirements: Those who have resided in the county prior to the year 1893. Annual meeting on the third Saturday in August at Bremerton. Officers: W. B. Seymore, Charleston, president; L. A. Bender, vice-president; Paul Mehner, Bremerton, secretary; Tom Lewis, treasurer.

**LINCOLN AND ADAMS COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.** Postoffice address, C. E. Ivy, secretary-treasurer, Davenport. Annual meeting at the Society's grounds on Crab Creek during the third week in June, 1918. Officers: F. R. Burroughs, Ritzville, president; George N. Lowe, Lamona, vice-president; C. E. Ivy, secretary-treasurer, Davenport; George M. Witt, Harrington, historian.

**OKANOGAN COUNTY PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION.** Conconully. Officers: P. H. Pinkston, Conconully, president; George Hurley, Loomis, vice-president; David Gubser, Conconully, secretary; William C. Brown, Okanogan, treasurer.

**PIERCE COUNTY PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION.** Tacoma: State Historical Building, 401 North Cliff Avenue. Meetings are held in January, April, July and October. Membership requirements: Residence on the Pacific Coast prior to the year 1870. Officers: M. F. Hawk, Roy, president; James Sales, Parkland, vice-president; Mary F. Bean, Tacoma, secretary; Celia P. Grass, Larchmont, treasurer; C. S. Barlow, W. B. Blackwell, W. P. Bonney, trustees.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION.** Richardson. Membership requirements: Residence in the State for twenty-five years. Founded October 31, 1915. Officers: Charles McKay, Friday Harbor, president and historian; Charles A. Kent, Lopez, vice-president; R. J. Hummel, Port Stanley, secretary-treasurer; J. Stanley Kepler, Orcas; Mrs. G. B. Driggs, Friday Harbor; Mrs. C. F. Kent, Lopez, trustees.

**SKAGIT COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION.** Sedro-Woolley. Annual meeting place selected for the different years. Founded August 13, 1904. Membership requirements: Those who have resided in the County prior to January 1, 1886, are admitted as "Pioneers"; residents for twenty years as "Old Settlers." Officers: Nick Beesner, Anacortes, president; Mrs. R. O. Welts, Mount Vernon, vice-president; Frank A. Hall, Mount Vernon, secretary; P. Halloran, Edison, treasurer.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY.** Stillaguamish Valley Association of Washington Pioneers of Snohomish County. Arlington. Annual reunion and picnic at Birckenheimer Pioneer Park, the second Thursday in August. Membership requirements: Persons resident in the State for twenty-five years admitted as "Pioneers"; for twenty years, as "Early Settlers"; for fifteen years, as "Honorary Members." Officers: W. F. Oliver, Arlington, president; Thomas Moran, vice-president; D. S. Baker, secretary; C. H. Tracy, treasurer.

**SPOKANE COUNTY PIONEER SOCIETY.** Spokane. Membership requirements: All persons, their families and children who came to the County on or before November 21, 1884; members of other pioneer associations in the State may become associate members. Business meeting on the first Tuesday in April; annual memorial meeting and annual picnic on dates selected by the Society. Officers: Mrs. W. J. Mackie, president; Sam Glasgow, vice-president; Eugene Buchanan, secretary; W. W. Waltman, treasurer; the above with E. I. (Billie) Seehorn, W. C. Gray, W. H. Ludden, Fred Grimmer, J. I. Daniel, J. E. Gandy, Paul Strobach, Mrs. Robert Fairley, Joseph W. Daniel, J. H. Griner and G. B. Dunning constitute the board of trustees.

**SPOKANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Spokane: Crescent Department Store Building. Officers: N. W. Durham, president; W. D. Vincent, 1st vice-president; Mrs. E. F. Rue, 2d vice-president; William S. Lewis, corresponding secretary; George W. Fuller, recording secretary; B. L. Gordon, treasurer; Thomas A. Bouser, curator of the museum. The above (excepting Thomas A. Bouser), with Jonathan Edwards, J. Neilson Barry, G. O. Foss, T. C. Elliott (of Walla

Walla), and Jacob A. Meyers (of Meyers Falls), constitute the board of trustees.

**STEVENS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION.** Colville. Membership requirements: Those who have resided in the State prior to June 30, 1895. Annual meeting on June 30. Officers: Frank Habein, Colville, president; P. H. Graham, Colville, vice-president; John G. Kulzer, Valley, treasurer; Mrs. Clara Shaver, Colville, secretary; John B. Slater, Colville, historian; W. T. Ferguson, Kettle Falls; Jacob A. Meyers, Meyers Falls; F. W. Bickey, Chewelah; Mrs. John Ehorn, Chewelah; Mrs. P. Betridge, Valley; Herman Zwang, Marcus; George Thomas, Colville, trustees.

**THURSTON COUNTY..** Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County. Olympia. Annual election of officers in March; annual picnic at Priest Point, at Olympia, in the summer. Membership requirements: Those who have resided in the county prior to 1870. Officers: George N. Talcott, president; Charles A. Billings, 1st vice-president; James Brewer, 2d vice-president; Fred W. Storking, secretary-treasurer; P. D. Moore, chaplain; Scott Shoser, A. S. Moore and Mrs. Georgiana Blankenship, trustees.

**PIONEERS OF SOUTHWESTERN WASHINGTON.** Rochester. Officers: J. W. Lieuallen, Rochester, president; L. L. Hunter, Aberdeen, vice-president; J. B. Stanley, Rochester, secretary and treasurer; F. G. Titus, Centralia; Scott Shaser, Olympia; J. E. Calder, Montesano, trustees.

**WALLA WALLA COUNTY.** Inland Empire Pioneer Association. Walla Walla. Membership requirements: Those who arrived in the Inland Empire or on the Pacific Coast prior to 1885. Annual meeting. Officers: Benjamin Burgunder, Colfax, president; Frank Lowden, Touchet; Joseph Harbert, Walla Walla; W. D. Wallon, Waitsburg, vice-president; Mervin Evans, Walla Walla, secretary; Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla, treasurer; W. B. Lyman, Walla Walla, historian.

**WHATCOM COUNTY.** Old Settlers' Association of Whatcom County. Ferndale. Annual gathering and election of officers at Pioneer Park, Ferndale, in August. Membership requirements: There is a graduated membership; persons having been in the county ten years are admitted as "Chechacoos"; older residents receive other Chinook Jargon titles; the oldest living member in point of residence receives a special badge of honor. Officers: J. B. Wilson, president; T. B. Wynn, vice-president; Edith M. Thornton, secretary; W.

E. Campbell, treasurer; Charles Tawes, John Stater, John Tarte, Godfrey Schneider, Porter Felmley, George Baer, trustees.

WHITMAN COUNTY PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION. Garfield. Annual meeting in June. Membership requirements: Residence in the state of Washington prior to October, 1886. Officers: William Duling, Garfield, president; P. W. Cox, Colfax, vice-president; S. A. Manring, Garfield, secretary; William Lippitt, Colfax, treasurer.

YAKIMA COUNTY. Yakima County Pioneers' Association. North Yakima. Annual meeting on the first Saturday in November. Membership requirements: Citizens of white or Indian blood who are residents of the original county of Yakima prior to November 9, 1889, and their descendants; others may become associate members. Officers: David Longmire, president; James A. Beck, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Jennie Shardlow, 2d vice-president; John H. Lynch, secretary; Mrs. Zona H. Cameron, treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Plawn, historian.

YAKIMA COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION. North Yakima. A Catholic organization having for its object the care and preservation of the old St. Joseph Mission in the Ahtanum Valley. Since 1915 a caretaker has resided on the premises. Officers: John Ditter, president; R. E. Allingham, vice-president; John H. Lynch, secretary; H. A. La Berge, treasurer; Pat Jordan, general manager.

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